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## Pets Deserve Proper Care

Pets provide lots of love and friendship to their owners. In return, owners need to properly care for their pets. Both State law (P.C. 597) and County ordinance (SB. Co. 32.0113) require owners to provide adequate care for their animals.

- Water
- Food
- Shelter
- Proper veterinary care

San Bernardino County Animal Care & Control also recommends **Spaying & Neutering** your pets. Please do your part to help stop the pet overpopulation problem.



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## Leashes Keep Pets Safe

Leash laws protect citizens and their pets. They help to prevent bites, animal fights, tipped trash cans, traffic accidents, lost dogs, and diseases passed from wild or stray animals.

San Bernardino County has an ordinance (SB. Co. 2100, 32.018) which restricts any animal from running loose on any public area or private property without the property owner's consent.

- When a dog is off his property it must be on a leash. The leash can be no longer than six feet and must be held by someone who can readily control the dog.
- A dog must be kept properly restrained in a cage, yard, or similar enclosure.
- Female dogs in season must be confined within the owner's property so that they do not attract male dogs.



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# Pet Owners Guide



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## Your Pet Needs A Rabies Vaccination

Vaccinations help to defend your pet against the rabies virus. Rabies is always fatal to an animal or human once symptoms begin to show. Rabies vaccinations are:

- Legally required for dogs four months and older.
- Strongly advised for cats four months and older.
- Protection for people as well as pets.
- Safeguards which shorten quarantine periods if bites occur.
- Given by private veterinarians or at County sponsored clinics in cooperation with private veterinarians.



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## What To Do If You Are Bitten By An Animal

(Either your own, someone else's, or wildlife)

1. Immediately wash the wound with soap and plenty of water.
2. Call your doctor for care.
3. Report the bite to the Animal Care & Control office or the nearest Police Department right away. San Bernardino County Animal Care & Control can be reached by calling 1-800-472-5609.
4. The biting animal will be quarantined by an Animal Care & Control officer to check for signs of disease. Quarantines for domestic animals will be done on the owner's property if possible.
5. These animals are very likely to carry rabies and may be dangerous:

**Bats**

**Skunks**

**Foxes**

**Raccoons**

**Coyotes**

**Badgers**

**Bobcats**

**Weasels**



***Avoid touching these animals directly and report any bites immediately.***

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## A License Helps Keep Track of Your Pet

Since pets can't say their address, a license helps to keep track of your animal if it is ever lost, picked up, or injured. Licenses show ownership

- A dog should wear its license at all times. Cat licensing is currently optional.
- Greater medical care may be given to a licensed pet.
- Shelters will hold a licensed pet longer (10 days) and try to reach the owner.

All dogs four months and older need to have a current license according to County ordinance (SB. Co. 1764, 32.029).

